


8 August 1968

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New York, New York 10001Dear 

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Many thanks for sending the signed receipt form. To tell the truth, I had not even opened the envelope and was unaware that a receipt from you was expected.

I made it back to Washington Tuesday with no trouble at all. The fine lunch (to say nothing of the two healthy Beefsteaks) assured a pleasant 30-minute nap en route.

Further in regard to your question about what the FDP6 computer will do for us in our computerized typesetting program, the information I gave you Tuesday was correct as far as it went. To review, we contemplate that it will perform the following essential functions with "in-house" equipment under our control rather than to continue our reliance on a computer services office for these essential functions:

1. Convert paper tape received from our customers to computer magnetic tape.
2. Convert magnetic tape selectric typewriter (MST) tape to computer magnetic tape.
3. After formatting by the central computer, reconvert computer magnetic tape to paper tape which will drive the Photon 513 we now have, the Photon 713/80 which we expect to receive within the next six or seven weeks, and the Photon 713/70 which we hope to install by June 1969.
4. Drive a CRT scope display providing a capability for limited editing and verification of tapes before computer formatting and, when necessary, before typesetting on the Photon.

As mentioned to you, the FDP6 memory capability is too limited for most photocomposition programming; hence, we still will utilize the central computer service-probably on a time-sharing basis-with secure terminal equipment at both ends. Naturally, the full realization

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of our current plans is at least 18 months away. When it is completed and in operation, I hope that you will be one of our first visitors.

Under separate cover, we are sending you some examples of some of the work produced in this plant. Unfortunately some of the better stuff cannot be sent through the mails for reasons which you understand, but I think that the map folio and continuous tone samples will give you some idea of our capabilities.

Sincerely,

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8-9-68 OAS called [Redacted] to tell ok to send
draft to O-1 for [Redacted]